

A woman with her hair in a braid, wearing a teal t-shirt with a circular logo that says "2021 Ozark Empire Fair Best Dairy", is petting a pig. The pig is white with a large black patch on its head and neck. They are in a fair ring with a wooden fence and yellow barriers in the background. The scene is lit with overhead fluorescent lights.

89TH ANNUAL OZARK EMPIRE FAIR

SWINE HANDBOOK



SWINE

1. Exhibitors entering open classes in this division should familiarize themselves with the General Rules and Regulations, Livestock Entry Rules and Show Ring Code of Ethics before completing an entry form.
2. Exhibitors entering open junior classes should familiarize themselves with Open Junior Show Rules, General Rules, Livestock Entry Rules and Show Ring Code of Ethics before completing an entry form.
3. Entry should be made online at www.ozarkempirefair.com. No paper entries will be accepted. Entries close June 15. Late entries will be accepted through July 1 with additional fees.
4. Registration and health papers must be in order as they will be checked against the information given on the entry form upon arrival on the Fairgrounds. Animals farrowed after January 1, 2025, may show with litter registration.
5. Purebred gilts, boars, and barrows will need to present registration papers to qualify for Purebred classes. Swine without proof of registration papers or are crossbred will show in the crossbred classes.
6. Boar entries in the Jr. Breeding show will be shown in two divisions; Purebred by age classes & Crossbred by weight classes. Champion Purebred Boar and Champion Crossbred Boar will compete for the title Grand Champion Boar.
7. Ear notches must be legible. No scabby or fresh ear notches allowed.
8. **Breed Divisions: Division offered if more than 10 head are entered & checked into the 2025 Ozark Empire Fair. If 9 or less entries are received animals will show in All Other Breeds. OEF Management reserves the right to combine, split, or cancel classes in which, in its judgment, the number of entries are insufficient to insure adequate competition, in all departments of the Ozark Empire Fair.**
9. Chester Whites must hold 10 head in the show for 3 consecutive years to have their own breed. 10 head was not met in 2024.
10. The quantity of pens published on the stalling chart are subject to change upon arrival. If you bring less pigs than entered, you are not guaranteed those pens.
11. Official identification will be required. A National Uniform Eartagging System tag (NUES) OR an official Animal Identification Number (AIN or 840 tag) will be required. Ear notches need to match the registration paper on each purebred hog.

PREMIUMS OFFERED BY OEF			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Open Show	\$16	\$12	\$9
Junior Show	\$10	\$8	\$5

BREEDING SWINE

Show: Junior Breeding Swine Show, 8 am, Wednesday, July 30, Open Breeding Swine Show - 8 a.m., Thursday, July 31

ARRIVAL: Breeding Swine must be in place by Noon, Tuesday, July 29. No arrival prior to 6 a.m., Tuesday, July 29.

RELEASE: Swine will be released at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 31 and must be removed immediately from barn.

SWINE DIVISIONS AND CLASSES:

Class numbers are the same for all breeds. Mark entry form with the appropriate class number AND breed.

JUNIOR: Use class numbers listed in left-hand column.

OPEN: Use class numbers listed in the right-hand column.

Gilt Show Breeds:

BERKSHIRE
DUROC
HAMPSHIRE
SPOTTED
YORKSHIRE
ALL OTHER BREED GILTS
CROSSBRED GILTS

Boar Shows:

ALL PUREBRED BOARS
CROSSBRED BOARS

OPEN

JUNIOR	OPEN	
Y01	01	December boar, 12/1-12/31/2024
Y02	02	January boar, 1/1-1/31/2025
Y03	03	Early February boar, 2/1-2/20/2025
Y04	04	Late Feb./Early Mar. boar, 2/21-3/10/2025
Y05	05	Late March boar, 3/11/2025 & after
Y06A	06A	Grand Champion Purebred Boar
Y06B	06B	Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Boar
Y06C	--	4-H/FFA District Grand Ch. Purebred Boar
Y07	07	December gilt, 12/1-12/31/2024
Y08	08	January gilt, 1/1-1/31/2025
Y09	09	Early February gilt, 2/1-2/20/2025
Y10	10	Late Feb./Early Mar. gilt, 2/21-3/10/2025
Y11	11	Late March gilt, 3/11/2025 & later
Y12A	12A	Grand Champion Gilt
Y12B	12B	Reserve Grand Champion Gilt
Y12C	--	4-H/FFA District Grand Champion Gilt
Y13	13	Crossbred gilts
Y15	15	Crossbred boars
Y19	--	ALL Junior Market Hogs

JUNIOR MARKET HOGS - BARROWS AND GILTS

OPEN MARKET BARROWS

** (A Crossbred entry is the offspring resulting from a dam and sire of different breeds or mixtures of breeds); **Crossbred Breeding Swine will show by weight. Junior crossbred gilts must choose between the junior breeding division or the junior market hog division. Cannot be entered into both.**

JUNIOR MARKET SWINE SHOW

Show: Following Junior Breeding Show, Wednesday, July 30

ARRIVAL: Junior Market Swine must be in place by 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 29. No arrival prior to 6 a.m., Tuesday, July 29.

RELEASE: Junior Market Swine will be released at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to barrows and gilts that have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2025.
- Swine will be weighed at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30 and must weigh between 220 and 300 pounds. **Absolutely NO leniency** will be made on weight. **Swine WILL BE WEIGHED ONE TIME ONLY.** Underweight and overweight swine will show in separate classes before judging of eligible hogs. Underweight and overweight hogs are NOT eligible to show for Champions.
- An exhibitor may enter two animals** (can be barrows or gilts).
- Barrows CAN be shown in the Open Barrow show. Gilts must choose between the junior market hog division OR the junior breedinggilt division.**
- By completing the online entry form, exhibitor's parent or legal guardian certify that the exhibitor has owned and cared for animals since June 1, 2025 or before. Any entries determined ineligible will be returned and no refund will be made.

SHOW

- All barrows and gilts should be entered into **Class Y19**.
- All barrows and gilts will show together by weight, rather than by breed. Classes will be broken after weigh-in into classes of equal size.
- Under and Over classes - Ribbons only (no prize money).

OPEN MARKET BARROWS

Show: Following Open Breeding Gilt Show, Thursday, July 31.

ARRIVAL: All Open Barrows must be in place by 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 29.

RELEASE: 6 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to barrows that have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2025.
- Swine will be weighed at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, and must weigh between 220 and 300 pounds. **Absolutely NO leniency** will be made on weight. Swine **WILL BE WEIGHED ONE TIME ONLY.** Underweight and overweight swine will show in separate classes before judging of eligible hogs. Underweight and overweight hogs are NOT eligible to show for Champions.
- Must show proof of Purebred barrow registration papers upon check-in or entry will be ran in Crossbred division.
- This is an open show only, junior members who wish to exhibit, may compete in the open division.

SHOW

- All Purebred barrows should be entered into **Open Division, Class 19**.
- All Crossbred barrows should be entered into **Junior Division, Class 22**.
- Barrows will be shown in TWO divisions.** Champion Purebred Barrow and Champion Crossbred Barrow will compete for Open Show Grand Champion Market Barrow.
- All Purebred and Crossbred barrows will show by weight, rather than by age. Classes will be broken after weigh-in into classes of equal size.
- Under and Over classes - Ribbons only (no prize money)

Showmanship Show Order
Ages as of January 1, 2025; Entry Fee Required
25: Junior: ages 8- 11
26: Intermediate: ages 12-15
27: Senior: ages 16-21

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
Following Showmanship on July 30

- Any child under 8 years old may compete.
- Swine must have been entered in current Fair. No intact males are permitted.
- Each exhibitor will receive a prize.

JUNIOR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Following the show, Wednesday, July 31.

- Classes are open to all youth members eligible to compete in the Ozark Empire Fair Junior Show. Participants must be entered and exhibiting at least one animal in the junior division.
- Only barrows and gilts will be permitted in showmanship drive. **No intact males** of any species will be allowed to compete in any showmanship event.
- All Junior exhibitors wanting to exhibit in showmanship should be entered in **Class 25, 26 or 27**.
- Pre-Entry is required by the entry deadline. An Entry fee of \$10.00 will be required.
 - Entry fee's will be "Jackpotted" with 80% of the total fee's paid back to the top three (3) showman in each division, with 45% awarded to first, 35% to second, and 20% to third.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR & PREMIER BREEDER

A Premier Exhibitor award will be presented to the swine exhibitor who accumulates the most points on no more than eight animals during the 2025 Breeding Swine Show. Points can be earned by exhibiting boars and gilts in purebred classes.

A Premier Breeder award will be presented to the swine exhibitor who accumulates the most points on no more than five animals during the 2025 Breeding Swine Show. Points can be earned by exhibiting boars and gilts in purebred classes. The exhibitor must be the breeder and exhibitor of the animals which points are awarded for. This must be entered in advance on the official entry forms.

A banner will be presented to the recipients of the two awards. Both awards will use the same point scale:

Place:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Point:	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2